The Hongkong Telegraph

No. 3634 — FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1893. — SIX DOLLARS PER QUARTER

Banks.

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL£1,500,000
SUBSCRIBED£1,125,000

BANKERS:
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT ACCOUNTS at the Rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—
For 12 Months.....5 per cent.
" 6 " 4 " "
" 3 " 3 " "

JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 4th February, 1893. [192

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorised Capital£1,000,000
Subscribed Capital.....£ 500,000

HEAD OFFICE:—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:—
D. Gillies, Esq. | ChowTung Shang, Esq.
Chan Kit Shan, Esq. | Kwan Hot Chuen, Esq.
H. Stolterfoht, Esq.
Chief Manager,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Branches.—London, Yokohama, Shanghai and Amoy.

BANKERS:—
The Commercial Bank of Scotland.
Parrs Banking Co., and The Alliance Bank (Ld.)

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.
Hongkong, 16th November, 1893. [8

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL£2,000,000
CAPITAL PAID-UP£ 251,093.15.0

BANKERS:
CAPITAL & COUNTIES BANK, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE:
No. 3, PRINCE'S STREET, LONDON.

BRANCHES:
BOMBAY, CALCUTTA, HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI.

AGENCIES:
PENANG, SINGAPORE AND YOKOHAMA.

RATES OF INTEREST,
ALLOWED on CURRENT ACCOUNTS and Fixed Deposits can be ascertained on application.
Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

CHANTREY INCHBALD,
Manager.
Hongkong, 6th November, 1893. [887

Insurances.

THE
STANDARD.
ENDOWMENT
ASSURANCE.

1. AMONG THE MANY ADVANTAGES of this form of Assurance, the following may be mentioned:—
 (a)—It secures an immediate Provision for wife and family or otherrelatives in event of early death.
 (b)—It provides a Fund for Retirement.
 (c)—It supplies an excellent Investment for the regular accumulation of small fixed sums of money.
 (d)—The Surrender and loan values are larger than under ordinary Policies.
2. AFTER THE POLICY HAS BEEN THREE YEARS IN FORCE—should the Policy-holder wish to discontinue future payments—he will be entitled to receive, on application, a FREE PAID-UP POLICY for a proportionate amount of the Sum Assured, as explained in the Prospectus.

Full particulars on application.
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents,
STANDARD LIFE OFFICE.
Hongkong, 8th August, 1893. [747

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.
HEAD OFFICE:
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.
Hongkong, 24th November, 1893. [173

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED.)

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000 EQUAL TO $833,333.33
RESERVE FUND $318,000.00.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
LEE SING, Esq. | LO YEUK MOON, Esq.
LOU TSO SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER.—HO AMEE.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the World.

HEAD OFFICE: 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.
Hongkong, 15th December, 1893. [1384

Intimations.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

IN accordance with Ordinance No. 6 of 1875 the Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on MONDAY and TUESDAY, the 25th and 26th instant:—

For the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA,
J. ARMSTRONG,
for Manager, Hongkong.
For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
For the COMPTOIR NATIONAL D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS,
L. GLENAT,
Acting Agent.
For the BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED, HONGKONG,
CHANTREY INCHBALD,
Manager.
For the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR,
Chief Manager.
For the MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED,
JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 21st December, 1893. [1389

CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION, No. 53.

NOTICE is hereby given that MONDAY next, the 25th instant, and MONDAY, the 1st January, 1894, will be observed as HOLIDAYS at the Kowloon Customs Office.
Work at the Opium Examination Hulk and Customs Stations will proceed as usual.

H. E. HOBSON,
Commissioner of Customs for Kowloon & District.
Custom House,
Kowloon, 18th December, 1893. [1384

THE HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

TENDERS will be received at the Company's Office, 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central, until NOON on SATURDAY, the 30th instant, for the RENTING for a term of Years of all the ADVERTISING SPACE at the Company's Stations (except that reserved for the Company's own use) subject to the said Space being used for Advertisements only which are in good taste and have received the approval of the General Managers. No Advertisements will be allowed along the line of rail.
The Company does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender.
The previous notice is hereby withdrawn.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 20th December, 1893. [1372

THE HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE BUFFET and the LADIES' WAITING ROOMS adjoining, will be OPEN to the PUBLIC in a few days.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 13th December, 1893. [1360

MUNICIPALITE FRANCAISE DE CANTON.

ELECTION DE DEUX CONSEILLERS MUNICIPAUX.

DES élections pour la NOMINATION d'un CONSEILLER FRANCAIS et d'un CONSEILLER ETRANGER devant constituer le Conseil Municipal de la Concession Française de Canton, auront lieu le dimanche, 7 Janvier 1894, au Consulat de France.
Le scrutin sera ouvert de 10 heures du matin à 4 heures du soir.
La liste électorale, déposée à la Chancellerie du Consulat de France, sera mise à la disposition des électeurs à partir du 20 Décembre, et close le 31, du même mois à 4 heures du soir. Les demandes en inscription ou en radiation devront être adressées, avant cette dernière date, au Consulat de France.
Conformément au paragraphe 5 de l'article V du Règlement d'Organisation Municipale de la Concession Française, les électeurs devront déposer leurs vote personnellement. Aucune exception à cette disposition ne sera admise, sauf pour les propriétaires absents de Canton dont les suffrages pourront être exprimés par leurs représentants dûment autorisés.

Le Consul de France,
1387] C. IMBAULT HUART.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the
KONINKLIJKE PAKETVAART MAATSCHAPPIJ,
are prepared to grant through Bills of Lading to Ports of Java, Sumatra (East and West Coast) Celebes, Timor, Sunda Islands, Dutch New Guinea, &c., &c. Bills of Lading for through Cargo from these Ports to be presented to the Undersigned for countersignature.

LAUTS, WEGENER & Co.
Hongkong, 25th November, 1893. [1289

NOTICE.

ON and after the 1st December next,

NO CHITS

will be taken in the following Hotels,
"THE VICTORIA HOTEL."
"THE PEAK HOTEL."
"THE KOWLOON HOTEL."

DORABJEE NOWROJEE,
Proprietor.
Hongkong, 26th October, 1893. [1162

FURNISHED HOUSE WANTED.

A GENTLEMAN, going away from Hongkong for A few months, and wishing to leave his Wife here, would like to RENT a SMALL FURNISHED HOUSE.
Apply, stating terms and full particulars, to
"S."
c/o *Hongkong Telegraph* Office.
Hongkong, 20th December, 1893. [1378

Intimations.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

NEW TOBACCOS.

SMITH'S Bright Cut Navy.
do. Flaked Gold Leaf.
do. Glasgow Mixture.
do. Calumet Mixture.

WILLS' "Capstan" Navy Cut.
do. Bird's Eye.
do. Westward Ho! Mixture.
do. Golden Flake.
do. "Traveller" Golden Flake.

LA PERLA DEL ORIENTE
CIGARS.
PIPES AND TOBACCONISTS' SUNDRIES.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Hongkong, 2nd December, 1893. [1157

DAWSON'S PERFECTION
OLD SCOTCH WHISKY.

ALLISTON & CO., SOLE AGENTS, Hongkong and the Far East,
68, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, 11th December, 1893. [1346

CARMICHAEL & Co., Ld.

ARE now showing a very Fine Selection of CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR CARDS, CADBURY'S CHOCOLATE CREMES, CALLARD and BOWSER'S BUTTER-SCOTCH, EVERTON TOFFEE, RUSSIAN TOFFEE and ALMOND ROCK, TOM SMITH'S CRACKERS, ALBUMS, suitable for Christmas presents, and a very large Selection of PHOTO FRAMES.

CANADIAN PRODUCE:
McLAREN'S GLASS JAR CHEESE.
SALTED SALMON 20 cents per lb.
SALMON BELLIES.....25 cents per lb.
SALMON STEAKS (1lb. tins).....40 cents per tin.
Hongkong, 13th November, 1893. [52

KELLY & WALSH, Ld.

NOW READY.....PRICE, ONE DOLLAR.
FOOLSCAP SIZE, THREE DAYS TO A PAGE, INTER-LEAVED WITH BLOTTING PAPER
THE IMPERIAL
ENGLISH AND CHINESE DIARY
FOR
1894,
with the Dates in ENGLISH and CHINESE, and Special localized information,

ALSO
THE IMPERIAL
ENGLISH AND CHINESE DATE-BLOCK,
Printed in RED and BLACK, with space for Memoranda.
PRICE.....50 CENTS.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED,
Hongkong, 28th November, 1893. PUBLISHERS. [7

W. BREWER.

HAS JUST OPENED
A FINE Collection of New Fancy Goods in PLUSH, HAND-PAINTED SILK, RUSSIA and other fine Leather Goods.
Handsome Boxed American Christmas Cards. Autograph Christmas Cards very pretty & cheap.
TOM SMITH'S CRACERS.
Great variety of Children's Books for Christmas. All the Annual Volumes for Boys and Girls.
Handsomely bound Books for presents. New Framed Pictures.
STYLOGRAPHIC PENS.
DANCING PUMPS, LADIES SHOES. TENIS BATS, SHOES, BALLS.
New French Novels. Christmas Nos of Graphic Illustrated, "PEAR'S," "BLACK and WHITE," "QUEEN."

W. BREWER,
UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL,
QUEEN'S ROAD.
Hongkong, 12th December, 1893. [659

W. POWELL & CO.,

TREMENDOUS SHOW OF
CHRISTMAS NOVELTIES.
EVERYTHING SUITABLE FOR A PRESENT TO A LADY.
EVERYTHING SUITABLE FOR A PRESENT TO A GENTLEMAN.
EVERYTHING SUITABLE FOR A PRESENT TO A CHILD.
TOYS! TOYS! TOYS!!!
IMMENSE VARIETY.
ALL NEW GOODS.

W. POWELL & CO.
Hongkong, 9th December, 1893. [6

THE
HONGKONG HOTEL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "Kremlin"—A.B. Code.—TELEPHONE, No. 32.

PROPRIETORS.....THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL—the most commodious and most appointed Hotel in the East—affords unequalled accommodation to travellers and others. It is situated in the centre of the town, opposite the General Post Office and the Hongkong Club, adjacent to Pedder's Wharf (the principal landing stage of the Colony), and in close vicinity to the Banks and Shipping Offices.
The HOTEL STEAM LAUNCH conveys passengers and cargo to and from all Mail Steamers.
THE TABLE D'HOTE, at separate tables, is supplied with every delicacy, the cuisine being under experienced supervision.
THE BED-ROOMS, with adjoining Bath-rooms, are lofty, well ventilated, open on to spacious Verandahs, are lighted by gas and fitted throughout with electric communication.
The Reading, Writing and Smoking Rooms, Ladies' Draw Rooms, the new, Bar and public BILLIARD ROOMS (Six English and American Tables) are fitted with every convenience.
The WINES & SPIRITS are selected by an Expert and FIRST BRANDS only are supplied.
HYDRAULIC ASCENDING-ROOMS of the latest and approved type convey passengers and baggage from the Entrance Hall to each of the Floors above.
NIGHT PORTERS and WATCHMEN are constantly on duty.

R. TUCKER
Manager.
Hongkong, 17th November, 1893. [56

Intimations.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

OWING to the GYMKHANA there will be NO COMPETITION TO-MORROW, 23rd December.

ED. ROBINSON,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 18th December, 1893. [51

THE FESTIVE SEASON.

THE
HONGKONG TRADING COMPANY
HAVE A FINE SELECTION OF
TABLE LINEN.

USEFUL 'XMAS PRESENTS.

TOYS
FOR THE LITTLE ONES.

HONGKONG TRADING CO.,
J. P. COTTAM,
Managing Partner.
1 to 7 D'Aguilar Street,
Hongkong, 18th December, 1893. [1376

WATERBURY WATCHES.

GREAT REDUCTION IN PRICES DURING THIS YEAR.

FOR XMAS AND NEW YEAR PRESENTS.

		Reduced price.	*Original price.*
E SERIES (Large Size)	at	$2.00	$2.50
J do	at	$4.50	$4.75
L (Small Size)	at	$4.50	$4.75
CHAIN	at	$0.40	$0.70

THE MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA,
8, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, 20th December, 1893. [900

THE PHARMACY,
85, QUEEN'S ROAD.

MESSRS. FLETCHER & Co. beg to inform the Residents of Hongkong and the Shipping Community, that they have now OPENED at the above address. The Store is managed by a thoroughly competent Chemist who takes every care that all DRUGS and CHEMICALS used in the compounding of prescriptions are PURE and FRESH.
FLETCHER & Co. have on hand a good selection of Druggists' Sundries and Patent Medicines.

Telephone No. 74.
FLETCHER & Co.
Hongkong, 23rd September, 1893. [1044

EAST POINT DAIRY AND FARMING COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM the 16th instant and until further notice the PRICES for the COMPANY'S PRODUCE will be as follows:—

FRESH MILK..... } 1 Imperial Pint Bottle, 6 Cents.
FRESH MILK..... } Ordinary Pint Bottle, 8 Cents.
FRESH BUTTER.....Per Pat, 25 Cents.

SPECIAL TERMS for yearly or half-yearly contracts.

A. RUMJAHN,
Secretary & Manager,
51, Queen's Road,
Hongkong, 12th December, 1893. [1357

CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & Co.,
WINE and SPIRIT MERCHANTS,
HONGKONG, SHANGHAI, LONDON AND GLASGOW.
13, Queen's Road,
Hongkong, 24th August, 1893. [930

NGAI SHANG,
22, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST.

RATTAN FURNITURE of Every Description.
CHAIRS, COUCHES, TABLES, BASKETS, CHILDREN'S COTS, &c., &c.
Latest Patterns, Best Workmanship.
Also
Rattan Cane, Split Rattan, Canton Mead and Sundries of all kinds.
Hongkong, 28th November, 1893. [1295

J. W. KEW & CO.'S
STEAM WATER BOATS.
PURE FRESH WATER.

THE attention of SHIPOWNERS, AGENTS and CAPTAINS is called to the Superior Quality of TYTAM FILTERED WATER offered by J. W. KEW & Co., also to the advantages derived from their being able to Supply their Water in one-fourth the time occupied by the old fashioned and obsolete hand pumps.
No lumping the loading or discharging of Cargo.
Quickest despatch with lowest possible rates.
J. W. KEW & Co.
c/o Carmichael & Co., Ld.
Hongkong, 15th June, 1893. [824

Amusements.

THE
HONGKONG AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB,
WILL GIVE PERFORMANCES OF THE COMIC OPERA
"PRINCESS TOTO,"
BY
GILBERT AND CLAY,
On the following dates:—
December 26th, 28th and 30th, 1893,
and
January 3rd, 6th, 9th and 13th, 1894.

Curtain to rise at 9 P.M. precisely each night.

Prices, $3, $2, $1.

Seats for any or all Performances can be booked at Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.'s on and after TUESDAY, the 19th December, from 10 A.M.
Books of the Words of the Songs, price 15 cents, at the Booking Office.
A late Tram will run a quarter of an hour after the fall of the Curtain, each night.
Hongkong, 13th December, 1893. [1362

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOOCHOW.
THE Company's Steamship
"HAITAN,"
Captain Goddard, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 24th instant, at Daylight.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 21st December, 1893. [1391

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO AND BOMBAY.
THE Company's Steamer
"MIIKE MARU,"
will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 26th instant, at 4 P.M.
For further particulars regarding Freight or Passage, apply to the Company's Office, Beaconsfield Arcade.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
Hongkong, 18th December, 1893. [1382

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR LONDON AND HAMBURG.
THE Steamship
"GLAMORGANSHIRE,"
Captain Jackson, will be despatched for the above Ports on or about THURSDAY, the 28th instant.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 7th December, 1893. [1251

"WARRACK" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.
THE Steamship
"LENNOX,"
Captain Ward, will be despatched for the above Ports on or about 4th proximo.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 20th December, 1893. [1232

SAILING VESSELS.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
THE 100 A. I. British Ship
"MACMILLAN,"
Guthrie, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
SHEWAN & Co.
Hongkong, 1st December, 1893. [1308

FOR NEW YORK.
THE 100 A. I. British Ship
"BANGALORE,"
Condon, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
SHEWAN & Co.
Hongkong, 8th December, 1893. [1340

FOR NEW YORK.
THE 3/3 L.L.L American Ship
"KENILWORTH,"
Baker, Master, now at Shanghai, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
SHEWAN & Co.
Hongkong, 5th December, 1893. [1324

Consignees.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of CARGO per Steamship "CHINA."
The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for Countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.
Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

J. S. VAN BUREN,
Agent.
Hongkong, 15th December, 1893. [1

Masonic.

EOTHEN MARK LODGE, No. 264, E.C.

A REGULAR MEETING of the EOTHEN MARK LODGE will be held at the Free-MASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on FRIDAY, the 29th instant, at 5 for 5.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.
Hongkong, 21st December, 1893. [1404

Intimations.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & COMPANY, LIMITED.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY, HONGKONG.

CONFECTIONERY, &c.

WE have just received our New Stock of CONFECTIONERY and are offering the same at prices suitable for the present bad times:—

CHOCOLATE CREMES.
PATES D'APRICOT.
CHOCOLATE ALMONDS.
FANCY BOXES of SWEETS of various kinds from 2 Dollars to 25 Cents.
SUGARED ALMONDS.
BURNT ALMONDS.
MIXED SWEETS.
TOM SMITH'S CRACKERS.

CIGARETTE CASES, CIGAR CASES, CARD CASES.
In SILVER, ELECTRO, SNAKE SKIN, RUSSIAN LEATHER, &c.
CIGAR & CIGARETTE HOLDERS, PIPES.

Hongkong, 13th November, 1893. [1304

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.

WE INVITE ATTENTION TO OUR STOCKS OF

CONFECTIONERY AND CHRISTMAS GOODS.

JORDAN ALMONDS, NOUGAT, BUTTER SCOTCH, ASSORTED TOFFEES, DRAGEES, PRALINES, and a large selection of PURE CONFECTIONERY from the leading Manufacturers.

CADBURY'S SPECIAL CHOCOLATE CREMES.

PINE, APRICOT, CHERRY, LIME, GUAVA, and other FRUIT JELLIES *in great variety.*

TOM SMITH'S CHRISTMA CRACKERS.

COLOURED OPALS MOUNTED IN PLUSH, representing favourite subjects.

A Large Assortment of ENGLISH AND JAPANESE CHRISTMAS CARDS, of handsome and artistic designs, suitable to all tastes and at moderate prices.

A. S. WATSON & Co., LIMITED,
The Hongkong Dispensary.
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.
Hongkong, 3rd November, 1893. [5

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.

FROM AND AFTER THE 1st OF JANUARY, 1894, THE SUBSCRIPTION TO "THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" WILL BE THIRTY DOLLARS PER ANNUM, OR TWO DOLLARS AND A HALF PER MONTH.

ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1893.

TELEGRAMS.

A GLADSTONIAN TRIUMPH.

LONDON, December 20th.

The House of Commons rejected Lord George Hamilton's motion regarding the increase of the navy and demanding a statement from the Government of its intentions before Christmas, and unanimously adopted Mr. Gladstone's amendment "that the House relies on the Ministers to submit for its consideration definite proposals in due time."

THE EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY BILL.

By a majority of sixty-four the House of Commons has rejected the amendment of the House of Lords to withdraw the contract clause from the Bill.

THE WAR IN MOROCCO.

MADRID, December 10th.

The new Spanish fort at Sidi Aguariach, over which the trouble arose with the Moors, has been named Concepcion Fort.

The negotiations are not yet concluded. There is every indication of peace with honour and security.

December 16th.

It has been agreed that the Riff tribes shall be disarmed, and shall destroy their entrenchments; that the leaders of the rising shall be taken to Tangier and punished; and that Morocco shall pay a war indemnity.

This practically closes the matter.

December 17th.

At two o'clock this afternoon there was a sudden rush of natives, and two of the Spanish forts opened fire.

LATER.

It appears that a small party of Moors were on a looting expedition, and the forts scared them away with a shot or two.

The Bey, in fear and trembling, hastened to assure General Martinez Campos of his undying friendship and desire for peace. He was thereupon ordered to have the marauders immediately caught and punished, which he promised to have done.

YET ANOTHER "ALIAS."

December 10th.

The man who threw the dynamite bomb in the French Chamber of Deputies is named Marchal. He was wounded by the explosion, and has made a full confession.

Later.

The author of the outrage in the French Chamber is named Vaillant. He has admitted his crime.

[The first telegram, *via* Manila, called him Champaux; Reuter called him Trhower (?) and the Saigon telegrams called him Vaillant.]

THE MANILA MINT.

December 11th.

It has been decided that the Manila Mint, recently re-opened, shall issue subsidiary coinage, in silver and copper, to a very large amount.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE U. S. warship *Baltimore* arrived here from Singapore this morning.

THE members of the Singapore Golf Club have passed a resolution restricting membership to the number of 150.

THE Steam Launch Co.'s launches are about to be sold as a "going concern," as will be seen by an advertisement in another column.

A REGULAR meeting of Victoria Lodge, No. 1,026, will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, this evening, at 8.30 for 9 o'clock precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

EX-CONSTABLE Mackintosh, who was arrested here recently and fined $50 owing to having absented himself from the "Force" without permission, has according to latest accounts joined the "Blues" at Shanghai.

A REGULAR meeting of Zetland Lodge, No. 525, will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, on Wednesday, the 27th instant, at 8 for 8.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

AMONG the items which we are compelled to hold over, owing to great pressure on our space to-day, is a letter from our Amoy correspondent giving full details of the suit between Messrs. Lapraik, Cass & Co., (Mr. Leach, Q.C.) and a Chinese firm (Mr. Francis, Q.C.), won by the former, partly on flaws in the evidence.

WE are glad to learn that a telegram has been received from Bangkok to the effect that Mr. G. Philips, second officer of the Scottish Oriental Co.'s steamer *Phra Nang*, who was very seriously injured by a gunpowder explosion in that port on the 5th inst., has greatly improved and is in a fair way towards ultimate recovery.

AT Sydney on the 7th ulto. no less than seventeen of those mythical knots which are supposed to be engineered in and tied by heaven, were rudely burst asunder in the Divorce Court. First a financial, and then a domestic panic, though, by the by, there may be more connection betwixt the two than casual observers discern. Advance, Australia!

THE "blue funnel" Borneo liner *Memnon*, Capt. B. Branch, turned up in Singapore yesterday with her shaft broken. The necessary repairs will not take long, and she may be expected here early next month to resume duty on the Hongkong-Sandakan line, upon which she has been running with marked success for quite a number of years.

THE band of the 1st Shropshire Light Infantry will play the following programme at the Officers' Mess, Murray Barracks, this evening, commencing at 8 o'clock:—

Polka March	"Ma Jeanette"	S. Jones.
Lancers	"Round the Town"	Williams.
Reminiscences of all Nations		Godfrey.
Valse	"May Blossoms"	Dudley Rey.
Selection	"Donna Juanita"	Suppe.
Gavotte	"Genevieve"	Kia Ora.

FOR the edification of a section of Hongkong's once gilded youth, it may be noted that Miss Alice Moore, of circus celebrity, is now queening it in Calcutta; so likewise is Mrs. A. B. Rodyk (*nde* Trigge). Recent accounts from the gay city indicate that these two fair Bohemians have amalgamated forces and that Prosperity is perplexed as to which of the twain it is to claim as its especial own. Whoup-la!

THE *Northern Territory Times* (Port Darwin) of the 1st inst. says:—"A report has been in circulation to the effect that the China Navigation Co.'s steamer *Chingtu* was again quarantined, with small-pox on board, at Thursday Island. The truth of the matter is that there was something of a scare felt when it was found that one of her Asiatic passengers had a rash of of some kind, but that was all."

THE Post Office will be closed on Monday (Christmas Day) and Tuesday (Boxing Day) except from 8 to 9 a.m. It will also be kept open for one hour after the arrival of the American mail, which is expected on the 25th inst. Correspondence for the Peak and Kowloon may be posted up to 9 a.m. The Night Box will be kept open. The Money Order Office will be entirely closed on both days, but will be opened for the French mail from 9 to 10 a.m. on the 27th inst. The Telegraph Office will be entirely closed on the 24th and 25th inst.

D'ARC's famous Marionette troupe have arrived from Singapore and will make their *début* before a Hongkong audience at West Point about Friday next. This first-class show, which is very highly spoken of in the London press, would have opened here on the reclaimed land at the back of the City Hall to-morrow evening, had not ponderous officials and red-tape nonentities blocked the way of the enterprising business manager. However, a good, spacious and comfortable shed will be erected at West Point and be opened to the public at the earliest possible moment.

CHRISTMAS GYMKHANA MEETING.

The following are the results of to-day's races:—

FOOT RACE; Europeans; quarter-of-a-mile; for previous winners at this season's Gymkhanas only. Prizes:—1st, $10; 2nd, $5; 3rd, $3.

Pte. Steventon, S.L.I. first; Lce.-Sgt. Gittens, S.L.I., second; Pte. E. Edwards, S.L.I., third. Won very cleverly at the finish by four yards; a fair third.

THE MISTLETOE CUP; three-quarters-of-a-mile; for all ponies that have been entered at this Season's Gymkhanas; weight for inches, with 7lb. added; hacks and polo ponies allowed 7lb.; entrance $2. Prizes:—1st, Cup with 50 per cent of entrance[fees]; 2nd, 40 per cent; 3rd, 10 per cent.

Captain Thomas' g. The Don, 12st. 11lb.....
Capt. Thomas 1
Mr. Courage's wb. Thunderbolt, (incl. 7lb. ex.) 11st. 5lb. Mr. Courage 2
Mr. Ruck Keene's gr. Assyrian, (incl. 7lb. ex.) 11st. 2lb. Mr. Smyth 3
Mr. Taylor's ch. Khedive, (incl. 12lb. ex.) 11st. 13lb.....Mr. Taylor 0

Khedive was, as usual, troublesome at the start, and when the flag fell he was left a long way behind. Assyrian cut out the running about three lengths in front of The Don and Thunderbolt, the heavily penalised chesnut bringing up the rear. The winner of last year's Civil Service Cup held a commanding lead until entering the straight, where he was done with, and The Don shot to the front, hotly pursued by Thunderbolt. The last named was going much the faster of the trio at the finish, but The Don, with a telling advantage in jockeyship, maintained premier position to the end, and won by rather over a length. Assyrian was an indifferent third. Time, 1 min. 40 secs.

TILTING AT THE RING AND TENT PEGGING; Ladies nomination; 2 runs at each. Two prizes.

Captain Thomas, nominated by Mrs. Jerrard... 1
Mr. Boyes, nominated by Miss Barker..... 2
Mr. Cruickshank, nominated by Miss B. Hancock 0
Mr. Landale, nominated by Mrs. Cæsar Hawkins 0
Mr. Manners, nominated by Mrs. Tomes..... 0
Captain Murray, nominated by Mrs. Barker... 0
Mr. Smyth, nominated by Mrs. Wynne Eyton 0

A melancholy exhibition over which we charitably draw a veil.

OBSTACLE RACE; Europeans; about half-a-mile. Prizes:—1st, $6; 2nd, $3; 3rd, $1.

Lce-Sergt. Gittins, S.L.I., first; Private E. Edwards, second; Private Jackson, third.—Edwards took the lead from the start and seemed to have won very easily up to the ban-swallowing act, after which the business looked decidedly piscatorial, and Edwards was permitted to cross the stream first and, of course, gained the award. But the *Telegraph* smiles.

EVERGREEN STEEPLECHASE; Black Rock once round and in; all open to China ponies; weight for inches; previous winners of jump races, 5 lbs. extra for each win, maximum penalty 12 lbs. Entrance, $2; prizes:—1st, Cup with 50 per cent. of entrance fees; 2nd, 40 per cent.; 3rd, 10 per cent.

Shropshire Light Infantry ch. Light Bob, 11st. 7lb. Mr. Smyth 1
Hon. T. H. Whitehead's g. Rocket, (incl. 10lb. ex.) 11st. 11lb.....Mr. Cruickshank dis.
Mr. Hart Buck's w. Viper, (incl. 10lb. ex.) 12st. 2lb.....Mr. Hart Buck dis.

Rocket led all the way and came in alone, but as he very palpably missed one of the jumps, and so did old Viper—he was of course disqualified, and Light Bob was declared the winner.

The XMAS CUP; half-a-mile, post entries; for Subscription griffins of this (1893-94) season only; weight for inches as per scale; entrance $2; prizes:—1st, Cup with 50 per cent of entrance fees; 2nd, 40 per cent.; 3rd, 10 per cent.

Mr. J. Kramer's bl. Luginsland, 10st. 9lb.... Capt. Thomas 1
Mr. McPle's gr. Swift, 11st. 1lb. (incl. 5lb. ex.) Mr. Hart Buck 2
Mr. Fraser-Smith's gr. Catterthun, 11st. 1lb. (incl. 5lb. ex.) Mr. Mackn 0
Mr. J. M. Forbes' gr. Tong-ma, 11st. 6lb. (incl. 5lb ex.).....Mr. Talor 0

To an excellent start Luginsland showed the way to Catterthun, Swift and Tong-ma brig in close attendance. A very fine race down the straight resulted in a dead-heat between Swift and the plucky little German black, Catterthun being a neck behind, with the "Sugar" pony close up.

In the decider a grand struggle result in favor of Capt. Thomas on Luginsland, her a most exciting race from inside the distanc

"BALMORALS."

We have been requested by Mr. Carl Georg, the liquidator of the Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Ld., to publish the following letter from the expert in charge of the Company's propty at Mount MacDonald; and, as it is a matter which concerns many of our readers, we have much pleasure in doing so, without committing the *Telegraph* to any opinion on the very important arrangements now under consideration:

Mount MacDonald, S.W.,
November 24th, 93.

MR. CARL GEORG,
Liquidator,
The Balmoral Gold Mining Co.,
in Liquidation.

Dear Sir,—Just a few lines to let you know that everything is going on right here.

True Blue (Gold lease No. 6) turned out most one ounce per ton, 23 tons for 22 oz. dwt. (known already by telegram); the reef strikes well and is about 2 feet wide; the tribute will have another crushing before Xmas, which will wire you the result as requested (will wired overland to Port Darwin, and no doubt will arrive by next steamer.)

"Punch" tributors have not had a crushing since you left; the mine looks about the same since when you saw it last. Another find has been found north of the Block Claim; the reef is over 2 feet wide and should yield between one and two ounces per ton. As there is not much work done on it yet, I will let you know all about it in my next letter.

So far there is no gold in the reef or the mullock—only a small cross reef of no importance—but nothing has been done yet to prove it a duffer or otherwise. I have not pegged the new reef north of Balmoral (latest news to our property), but will do so when we have few pounds to spare.

Through the gold finds at "True Blue" and "Block" claim, a number of people are out prospecting, and I think gold will be found in different places.

Yours truly,
THOMAS [illegible].

SUPREME COURT.

IN CRIMINAL SESSION.

(Before Chief Justice Fielding Clarke.)

December 22nd.

JURYMEN'S GRIEVANCES.

Mr. G. B. Dodwell, who was called to serve on to-day's special jury, said—My lord, I served for four days in September last on a special jury. So far as I can see, no difference is made between those who have served and those who are only called. Those who have served are treated exactly the same as those who have not served.

His lordship—It must be to a certain extent a matter of chance. I must follow the terms of the Ordinance. Mr. Sangster tells me there is no difference made in criminal cases, only in civil. I do not know really how far the jury list would allow of a difference being made, but certainly, if there is a very long case in which a jury is engaged, if the list admits of it, they ought to be excused from serving for some time. I will look into the matter.

Mr. R. K. Leigh—I am in exactly the same position.

Mr. Sangster (Clerk of the Court)—There are three jurors here to-day in exactly the same position.

His lordship—The jury may solace themselves with the fact that jurors are required for comparatively few criminal cases.

In the case of another "Special," Mr. Poon Pong, who manifested a convenient ignorance of English, his lordship said—I think care ought to be exercised in preparing the jury list, with a view to see that nobody whose knowledge of English is imperfect is included in the list, because we have always the same thing occurring in this Court. This has often struck me.

Mr. Sangster—The list is prepared by the Governor in Council.

The Attorney General—The list is sent up from the Registry and is prepared in the Registry. We have no knowing in the Legislative Council whether any Chinaman knows English or not.

His lordship:—Whoever does the work, it is his duty to find out. This sort of thing happens both in the special jury and in the common jury. Sometimes they read the declaration as if they did not understand it.

THE HARBOUR MURDER.

Chan A Lo, blacksmith, was charged with wilfully murdering a boatwoman named Kwok A Mau by throwing her into the harbour on 23rd November last.

He pleaded not guilty.

The Attorney-General (Hon. W. M. Goodman), instructed by Mr. A. B. Johnson, Crown Solicitor, conducted the prosecution; the prisoner was defended by Mr. H. E. Pollock, instructed by Mr. Bowley (of Mr. H. L. Dennys' office).

The following special jury was sworn:—Messrs. R. K. Leigh, J. B. Coughtrie, R. G. Shewan, G. B. Dodwell, A. J. Rozario, F. Henderson, and C. C. Cohen.

The Attorney-General proceeded to open the case against the accused.

The evidence was practically a repetition of that given yesterday, when the prisoner (then charged with drowning a girl) was defended by Mr. E. Robinson and was acquitted.

The jury to-day found the prisoner not guilty of murder; but on the third count (attempt to murder the boatman) he was not defended by counsel. The jury convicted him, and his lordship passed sentence of eighteen years' hard labour.

This concluded the sessions.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

(Before Mr. E. J. Ackroyd, Puisne Judge.)

MADAR AGAINST JACKSON.

Judgment was given to-day in the suit of A. R. Madar against W. Jackson for $324, value of various articles said to have been removed or destroyed by defendant on the expiry of his tenancy of plaintiff's house at Kowloon, as reported in these columns on the 24th ulto, when the case was heard. His lordship found that the evidence did not support a single item of the claim, which was accordingly dismissed with costs. Mr. H. E. Pollock was for the plaintiff and Mr. H. L. Dennys for the defendant.

HONGKONG LADIES' BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

The annual general meeting of members and supporters of the Hongkong Ladies' Benevolent Society was held to-day. Mr. J. J. Keswick presided, and there were also present, besides lady members, the Rev. G. H. Bondfield, the Rev. A. G. Goldsmith, the Rev. W. Musson, and Mr. G. Sharp.

The Chairman, after reviewing the excellent record of work done by the Society during the past year, in a quiet, unostentatious way, with the greatest kindness and yet with careful prudence, went on to say that sometimes the Society was accused of being too ready and far from cautious in giving assistance where none was deserved—and also granting passages from Hongkong to various places without having made sure that the applicants would be then able to do anything for themselves. This idea was entirely a misapprehension; in every case there was complete investigation as to whether the applicant, on arrival at the place chosen, would get employment or become a burden on others. No action was ever taken by the Society except where there was absolute certainty. Reverting to the accounts, the balance in hand was now only $534, but it was to be hoped that contributions would come in more freely in 1894. In conclusion, he said:—I should not close these few remarks without making reference to the very great loss which the Society has sustained by the lamented death of Mrs. Granville Sharp, who was honorary secretary for so long, and whose untiring energies were always devoted to promoting the Society's labours. Before submitting the report and statement of accounts for adoption, perhaps the President of the Society may like to say a few words.

The President (Mrs. Fielding Clarke) said:—As President of the Ladies' Benevolent Society I should like to ask your permission to add a few words to the report which we place before you of our last year's work. The total number of applicants for 1893, of which a record has been kept, is 49; of these 11 were rejected after due enquiry as unworthy or not within the scope of our Society; of the remaining 38 who were relieved, 9 are cases of residents, all of whose circumstances are well known, and have borne the fullest investigation; 9 have been women, 5 of whom were strangers to the colony and were stranded here in unfortunate circumstances; these were either personally recommended by some resident here, or after examination of their testimonials and letters were discovered to be in real want and were assisted in their return passages to their friends. The remaining 24 consist of men who have become destitute and were unable to find assistance elsewhere; to these slight relief was given. Before entering on these cases, I would venture to point out to you, first, that in this class not only were the 12 rejected as mentioned earlier, but besides, a very large number who have applied during the course of the year and of whom no record has been kept; these we did not believe to be in real necessity, so help was at once refused them. Secondly, in the majority of these 24 cases who *have* been assisted, the Ladies' Benevolent Society has only supplemented by small sums the free or reduced passages given by the generosity of various shipowners and steamship agents on our petition. These men were, so far as we were able to discover, respectable and necessitous, they had no means of subsistence, could find no work and consequently were practically starving. In three cases the Government dealt with them as destitutes, but others were refused assistance even as vagrants and were reduced to sleeping on benches in the street and begging rice at the Chinese shops. To save them from worse courses and give them a chance of independence again, we assisted those who could produce letters, with promise of employment in other ports, either in their passage money or with small sums, on landing, but we should like to point out that in 23 cases the average spent on each man is only $6.92. In conclusion I venture to commend to your notice that the total working expenses for the whole year are $24.50, and therefore, that all the money spent besides has been in the relief of those in want and distress. (Applause)

The Chairman:—If there are no further remarks I will propose the adoption of the report and accounts as submitted. I would only add, in regard to what the President has stated—as to the total working expenses of the Society being only $24.50 for the whole year—that this is a record which ought to be noted by all institutions in Hongkong, for I have never heard of anything at all parallel to that in the whole course of my experience, and I heartily congratulate the society on having done so well. (Applause.)

Mr. Musson seconded the motion, which was carried *nem. con.*

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Mr. Goldsmith proposed a cordial vote of thanks to Mr. Keswick for presiding at the meeting, and thus adding the weight of his authority to its proceedings. It was perfectly true that the Society used the greatest care in giving aid.

Mr. Bondfield seconded the motion, and said that from his own knowledge as one who had worked with the Committee he could emphatically contradict the unjust criticisms as to lack of caution in spending money. Nobody who knew anything at all about the work could believe any such thing—though in dealing with so many cases it was only to be expected that some proportion of unworthy ones must creep in. Most of the undeserving cases had undoubtedly been exposed at once, and many of them were not even noted in the records; the immense amount of labour and trouble bestowed by the officers of the Society on the work certainly commended their efforts to the support of the public. The funds being so small, the Society had necessarily spent very carefully; but he would like to see a great deal more spent in some cases, irrespective of the balance sheet. There were instances in which a single cent would be too much to give; but there were others in which the Society had given far too little. He would like, in fact, to see the credit balance all wiped out by more generous grants. This institution did the work of relieving-officers, boards of guardians, and even of the Government itself; for there were several Ordinances to compel the Government to act in cases of destitution, vagrancy, etc., but the Government did not do the work—the Society did it. Therefore the Society had a very strong claim on the Government purse. Up to a few years ago the Government used to make "grants in-aid" to deserving institutions such as this, and there was every reason why it should do so again. Prisoners released from gaol were in a particularly unfortunate position here (as was pointed out by the Chief Justice in the November Sessions, when dealing with Von Ulrich). It would be a vast improvement also if indiscriminate private charity could be checked, as it often encouraged worthless characters, and there was absolutely no safeguard or guarantee of honesty. The Society provided an organisation to remedy the evil, and ought therefore to be the vehicle of all such work. (Applause.)

Mr. Keswick briefly acknowledged the vote of thanks, and the meeting terminated.

THE CITY HALL.

The annual general meeting of the City Hall subscribers and shareholders was held to-day. Mr. J. J. Keswick presided, and there were also present Messrs. H. L. Dennys (secretary) H. Dalrymple, H. N. Mody, B. Layton, and G. Sharp.

The Secretary read the notice of meeting.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, we have nothing of very special interest to refer to at the meeting to-day. The report as regards financial matters may be considered satisfactory, as there was a balance at current account on the 30th June of $2,261.19. From this, however, had to be deducted the heavy expenses incurred in decorating and doing up the ball-room suite and entrance hall, and the colour-washing of the exterior, and I have good hopes that all who have seen the work will consider it perfectly satisfactory. No special effort was made this year to obtain subscriptions, but the annual subscribers contributed $617.00, and this enabled us to tide over the dull season with a credit balance of about $1200 at current account. The winter season has now commenced, and, although we are unfortunate in not being able to let the Theatre to travelling companies at the same time that it is being occupied by the Amateur Dramatic Club, the latter will doubtless contribute a fair proportion for rent; and as the idea when the City Hall was erected was not so much the acquisition of gain as to provide a place suitable for dances and entertainments, and to provide for local wants, this is not to be too much regretted. For some years after the City Hall was opened by the Duke of Edinburgh in 1869, it was thought by some that the building was on too ambitious a scale; but with the increase of the European population, shown more especially by the number of ladies, the complaint now is almost the other way—sometimes the building is exceedingly overcrowded. The smaller ball-room suite is also coming more into favour for small dances, as several were given last year and various applications have been made for it this season. These, of course, contribute their share to the revenue of the Institution. With reference to the Library and Museum, these must be taken as fairly fulfilling the purposes originally intended, although the former cannot, considering the trusts subject to which the Committee holds the books of the Morrison and Victoria Libraries, and also considering the absence of a sufficient staff, be turned into a Public Lending Library; and the Museum, owing to the fact that the contents are either gifts or loans, and also owing to the small space at disposal, cannot be turned into a scientifically arranged Museum, such as one may expect to find in large cities at home. The extraordinary repairs I have mentioned cost nearly fourteen hundred dollars, and as the whole building is now in good order it is hoped there will be no necessity for any specially large outlay during the coming year; but in connection with the financial position of the City Hall it must always be remembered that the original shareholders have as yet received no interest upon the capital subscribed by them; and if the committee could see their way, without curtailing the utility of the building for the purposes for which it was intended, to accumulating a fund to enable them to pay interest on the original shares, they would gladly do so. I do not know that there is anything more that requires to be mentioned, but before proposing the adoption of the report and accounts I shall be glad to answer any questions that may be put.

There being no questions, the Chairman proposed that the report and accounts as presented be adopted and passed.

Mr. Dalrymple seconded the motion, which was carried.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

MACAO.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

December 21st.

There have been vague rumours in circulation here of late to the effect that a coolie emigration "ring" is in course of formation and that its operations are to be conducted on a very large scale. Nothing definite is yet known, but it is hardly likely that the authorities would sanction the despatch of any further consignments of "coolies" until reliable information has been received regarding the fate of the *Telartos* batch. It will be remembered that that famous craft sailed hence for the there, and still, very much eruptive Brazils, about the middle of October last, with some 300 "free labourers," but up to the time of writing no information whatever, either regarding the whereabouts of the vessel or the destination of the coolies, has been received here. And until satisfactory intelligence does come to hand, slavers in embryo will need to seek some other field for the development of their enterprising talents.

On dit that Retiring-Governor Borja is to enter the lists to seek the suffrages of the free and independent electors of fair Macao. A better representative in the Cortes than he could not well be chosen, but as his party are reported to be on the wane as regards influence, his success is not altogether assured. His successor, Mr. Horta da Costa, is expected to sail from Lisbon about the middle of January.

News is to hand that the Lisbon authorities have decided to invest the commissioned officers who took part in the suppression of the recent Timor troubles with a pure silver medal. The report that this step has been taken as a set-off to the action of the British Government in decorating your very own "Bellyjoe" is not generally credited here, but in the words of the historical burglar, there *may* be something in it after all.

Macao has been honoured by a visit from Li Han-chang's son, but whether he came as the Viceroy's official representative or simply on "pleasure bent" your correspondent is not certain; anyhow, he went the rounds while here and left again in the *Heungshan* which was specially chartered for that purpose. By the by, the letter-box formerly available for late letters on board that steamer has been condemned by order of those in authority over us, and is greatly missed. The reason that led to its removal is said to have been the silly action of Macao residents stamping their letters with Hongkong instead of Macao stamps, thus robbing our overflowing exchequer of its legitimate spoil.

The festive season which is about to burst on us with its wild whirl of dissipation, is to be inaugurated by a soiree at Government House, while for less exciting amusements we have had Zio Payne, the famous "shootist," a menagerie (*sans* keeper, though) and a doubtfully delicate entertainment in the Theatre which was arranged and carried through by a few boys.

NEWS BY THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

LONDON, November 20th.

The Calcutta correspondent of *The Times* reports that a feeling of discontent and uneasiness pervades India. The natives are alarmed at the appointment of a Royal Commission on the opium trade of the country, believing that it will lead to fresh taxation, and that it is a first step towards compelling a change in their religion.

A German military camp has been founded on the Belgian frontier, and will be utilised as a central station in the event of the army being mobilised.

From Belgrade, the capital of Servia, it is reported that the finances of the country are in a deplorable condition. Officials are not able to get their salaries from the Government, and the army's bread supply has been stopped.

The peasantry are suffering keenly from the depression thus caused, and numbers of them are emigrating to Roumania.

The Vatican official press asserts that the Pope induced the French and Russian Governments to enter into their present alliance.

November 21st.

Influenza has again made its appearance in several towns in England. At Blackburn, in Lancashire, the epidemic is very widespread, the number of patients being estimated at fully 10,000.

The British and German Governments have agreed as to the delimitation of the frontier of the Camercons, a territory on the Bight of Biafra, West Africa, annexed by Germany in 1884.

The British are to retain Yola, on the Upper Benue, and the Germans are to have the southern shore of Lake Tchad, commanding Chari.

BRISBANE, November 21st.

The Colonial Secretary has advised the Japanese Government to restrict the number of passports granted to their people with the view of reducing the number of immigrants throughout Queensland.

ADELAIDE, November 22nd.

A three-masted Yankee-built schooner, about 300 tons burden, has been washed ashore nine miles north of Port Caroline. She has the appearance of having been adrift for years. Mr. F. Sanderson, the President of the Marine Board, thinks that she is the *Engelbert*, which left Port Adelaide years ago, and was never heard of afterwards. Captain M'Coy, however, states that the *Engelbert* was on her way from Hongkong to Sydney when she became a total wreck.

LONDON, November 22nd.

An Austrian engineer has completed a remarkable invention, which will enable balloons to be either controlled by sails or steam. Aerostatic experts, who have inspected the invention, consider that it will prove successful.

The Court of Queen's Bench recently ordered the Mortgage Insurance Corporation to pay £1000, the amount of an insured deposit with the Commercial Bank of Australia. Against this decision the corporation appealed, contending that the adoption of the bank's reconstruction scheme absolved them from liability.

The appeal was heard yesterday, when the Court upheld the decision of the Court of Queen's Bench, deciding that the corporation was not relieved of its liability with regard to insured deposits by the fact that the depositors had agreed to the reconstruction of the bank.

Rear-Admiral Algernon (Admiral Seymour), who was in command of the Mediterranean Fleet at the

bombardment of Alexandria, supports the contention of Lord Charles William Beresford that Great Britain will require to expend £18,000,000 on her navy if she wishes it to exceed the strength of the combined navies of France and Russia.

From Canada it is reported that extreme distress exists among the Indian population throughout the territory, and that thousands have been reduced to a state of actual starvation. In the province of Quebec 400 Indians have died from starvation, this number including the whole of the people in one Indian township or settlement.

It is reported that Russia has promised the island of Crete, in the Mediterranean, to Greece, after the next war with Turkey.

The Rome correspondent of the *Daily Chronicle* states that Cardinal Serafino Vannutelli, Archbishop of Bologna, and Cardinal Angelo Di Pietro are mentioned for the Popeship in succession to his Holiness Leo XIII.

BRISBANE, November 23rd.

A project is on foot for bring the vessels of the Messageries Maritimes Company to Brisbane, *via* Torres Straits, and extending the line to Noumea and San Francisco.

LONDON, November 23rd.

The trial has just concluded at Ottawa, Canada, of Thomas M'Greevy, an ex-M.P., and Nicholas Connolly, a contractor, who were charged with conspiracy to defraud the Government in the carrying out of public works. The accused were convicted, and each sentenced to one year's imprisonment.

[The charges arose in 1891, when M'Greevy was an active Ministerialist member of the Canadian House of Commons, and Connolly was the contractor for the British Columbia Graving Dock and other public works. Sir Hector Langevin, the Minister for Public Works, was also implicated in the scandal. The matter was referred to the committee of privileges of the Canadian House of Commons, who found with regard to Sir Hector Langevin that serious irregularities had occurred in the letting of contracts, but acquitted him of criminal knowledge. He, however, resigned his Ministerial office. The Committee found that M'Greevy had conspired with contractors to defraud the Government, and he was subsequently expelled the House of Commons, and then fled to the United States to avoid arrest.—Ed.]

November 24th.

Dr. Jameson, the Administrator of the British South Africa Company, is endeavoring to carry out a scheme for settlement of the Matabeles in in the north and north-west of Matabeleland. The proposal is to place them under headmen.

News has reached San Francisco of the successful floating of the R.M.S. *Miowera*, of the Canadian-Australian line, which went ashore at the entrance to Honolulu Harbor on October 22nd.

The *Miowera* is now undergoing repairs at Honolulu, and when these are completed she will resume her voyage to San Francisco. The vessel's engines, on examination, were found to be perfectly sound and undamaged.

Major M'Kinley, Governor of the State of Ohio (U.S.A.) has declared that a reduction of wages will surely follow revision of the tariff. He describes the new congress as "a fearful menace to industries."

During a recent visit by the Emperor William of Germany to Kiel, a town on the Baltic, a railway collision was narrowly prevented, the line being blocked by carts.

Mr. Leigh, a young member of an aristocratic family who married a member of the Gaiety Burlesque Company, and having left her, visited Australia, is the plaintiff in a prosecution which is exciting considerable attention.

Mr. Leigh has laid a charge against a solicitor, whose name has not been published, of having fraudulently disposed of £48,000, which Mr. Leigh, on his departure for Australia, entrusted to him for investment.

General Lord Roberts, who recently retired from the position of Commander-in-Chief in India, maintains that owing to the Russian advance towards the Indian frontier it is imperative that British reinforcements be sent to India to regain British supremacy.

The *Financial Times* makes a further reference this week to Sir George Dibbs' Bank Notes Bill, and characterises it as "flagrant financial and political quackery."

From Vienna it is reported that the Austrian military authorities are forming 42 new regiments of artillery. When these regiments are completed the strength of the Austrian artillery will eclipse that of any other European Power.

The newest types of artillery are being supplied to the soldiers at the German military camp recently formed on the Belgian frontier, and which is to be utilised as a central station in the event of the German army being mobilised.

The entire London press is united in demanding that the Government shall immediately increase the strength of the Mediterranean Squadron.

Edith Chester, the actress, recently obtained a divorce from her husband on the ground of his adultery. It has since transpired that after the divorce had been granted the divorced couple entertained a party of friends at dinner at the Criterion Restaurant. It is also alleged that they have cohabited. The Queen's Proctor has in consequence intervened and is charging the parties to the divorce with collusion.

The Egyptian budget for the year shows a surplus of £500,000, and as a consequence further reductions are to be made in the existing system of land taxation.

[In 1892 the Egyptian budget showed a surplus of £1,100,000. The Government then adopted various suggestions of Mr. Gorst, Chief of the Land Revenue Department, freeing uncultivable land from taxation, reducing the absurdly large number of rates of taxation from 1400 to only 220, reforming the old village land registers, and encouraging land reclamation.—Ed.]

November 25th.

The latest information concerning the South African rising is to the effect that Lobengula's troops have deserted him. Dr. Jameson reports the king's power to be wholly broken, and hopes are entertained that the Company will be able to disband its forces next week, disarm the Matabeles, and settle them in the north.

The capture of Lobengula is also reported.

News from Rio announces that the rebel ironclad *Javary*, whilst attacking Brazilian forts, was sunk, the majority of the crew being saved.

At Cazare, in France, the house of a Government official has been wrecked by an explosion of dynamite. The occupants were uninjured and the perpetrator escaped.

The Imperial Federation League has been dissolved. There is a proposal to reorganise the league, with a new programme.

A political crisis has arisen in Servia, where the Ministry have resigned owing to difficulties in connection with the tariff war with Austria.

November 26th.

Telegrams from New-York report that the joint tariff committee of the United States Congress have decided to recommend to both Houses that wool shall be placed on the imports free list.

The creditors of the Marquis of Allesbury, who have been investigating his estate and financial transactions, have discovered that a sum of £880,000 was advanced to the Marquis by Mr. Sam Lewis, who received interest at the rate of 100 per cent.

The Queen's Proctor, who intervened in divorce proceedings on the ground that Edith Chester, the petitioner, an actress, had acted in collusion with her husband, has announced his intention to prove that she committed adultery. Edith Chester professes indignation at the action of the Queen's Proctor.

Colonel Sir Joseph West Ridgway, who was entrusted with a mission to Morocco during the recent disturbance in that country, has been appointed Lieutenant-Governor of the Isle of Man, in succession to Mr. Spencer Walpole.

Following is the result of the Manchester November Handicap of £1,375, a mile and three-quarters, which was run at the Manchester November meeting to-day:—

Mr. M. D. Peacock's ch g Golden Drop, 4 yrs., by Tertius—Golden Fleece 1
Colonel North's b h Simonian, 5 yrs., by St. Simon—Garonne 2
Duke of Beaufort's ch c Son of a Gun, 3 yrs., by Petronel—Ithona 3

November 27th.

It is reported that a Russian loan is to be offered in Paris in February, and by way of keeping up the good feeling that exists between the two nations and so add to the chances of the loan being a success, it has been arranged that the Czarewitch shall visit France about the same time.

Mr. Gladstone has intimated to the House of Commons that the Government is determined to maintain the strength of the British Navy, and with that object in view the building of additional ships will shortly be commenced.

The proposed new American tariff reduces the duty on refined sugar from a half cent to a quarter of a cent per pound. Raw sugar is to remain free.

The net profit of the Chicago Exposition is stated to amount to one million eight hundred thousand dollars.

There have been a number of deaths from influenza in Germany and the disease is also prevalent in England.

Twenty-five members of the Italian Chamber of Deputies are stated to be implicated in the recent bank scandals, among them being Signor Crispi, ex-Premier.

The Greek Government have announced that they will be compelled to make a compromise with their foreign creditors.

MELBOURNE, November 27th.

In the Supreme Court of Victoria a few days ago an application was made by the London Chartered Bank (in liquidation) to recover from Alexander Rourke, grazier, the sum of £3,375 alleged to be due on the guarantee of an overdraft granted to the Rockland Pastoral Company, Northern Territory. Rourke's defence was that the Bank violated the agreement that existed between them in regard to the overdraft. The Chief Justice considered the defence a substantial one and refused the application.

Mrs. Knorr, who is being tried for child murder, contrived to write a letter to a certain Edward Thompson, begging him to procure witnesses to swear falsely in her favour. The letter has been published, and is of a most incriminating character.

BRISBANE, November 28th.

A severe storm burst over Brisbane yesterday afternoon, occasioning much damage at Toowoong and Goodna. The Oddfellows Hall at Toowoong was destroyed, and the Catholic Church was injured by the wind.

The last week's dividends at Gympie amounted to over £10,000.

SYDNEY, November 28th.

Glasson, the Carcoar murder, is to be executed in Bathurst gaol to-morrow morning, but it is understood that he has prepared for presentation to the Colonial Secretary a voluminous statement of reasons why the execution should not take place.

The Orient Company have decided not to accept any more Chinese passengers at Colombo.

LONDON, November 29th.

A brutal and sensational murder has just been perpetrated in Dublin, under circumstances that lend to it a certain amount of political significance. Ever since the recent dynamite outrages in the Irish capital the police have been endeavouring to track the crime home to the parties concerned, but without success. The other day two drunken Fenians named Sheridan and Reid were arrested on certain charges. Following his arrest Sheridan attempted to explode some detonators. Reid was subsequently released. Shortly afterwards Reid's dead body was found on the street, in a condition pointing unmistakably to murder. The supposition is that he was suspected of betraying, or being about to betray, certain secrets to the authorities, and had therefore to be silenced. The police declare that they hope shortly to be able to produce evidence showing that it was the murdered man who caused the late explosions in Dublin. A man named John Mearns has been arrested on suspicion of being concerned in the murder. He is known to have arrived lately from America, and to have left Dublin after the explosions, since when he has again put in an appearance.

The Canadian Government are preparing a revised tariff, which it is understood will be introduced in the Dominion House of Commons in January next.

There is a general impression that the new American Tariff Bill, as elaborated by the Democratic majority of the Committee of Ways and Means, will encounter most strenuous opposition in Congress. The American wool-growers are already taking active measures for opposing the bill.

November 30th.

Several other suspicious parcels of explosives have been discovered by the Dublin police, and a number of persons arrested; but incriminating evidence as to malicious intent was not forthcoming, and all the prisoners excepting Sheridan have been discharged. The evidence against the latter is very strong. He is shown to have been an active member of dangerous secret societies, and is believed to have played a leading part in promoting the dynamite outrages.

The Government intend to introduce a Bill to deal with the cases of evicted Irish tenants upon the lines recommended in the report of the Royal Commission appointed to investigate the question.

It has now transpired that two infernal machines were posted at Orleans, in France—one being addressed to the German Emperor, and the other to Count Caprivi. The French police are making zealous efforts to unearth the culprit, and President Carnot is offering a large reward for such information as will lead to the conviction of the person or persons who posted the deadly toys.

Lord Salisbury, in addressing a large public meeting at Cardiff, made a great point of the agitation recently set on foot by the London *Times*, and insisted that immediate and energetic steps for still further strengthening the British Navy was of vital importance if England was to meet possible developments on anything like a fair footing.

The British steamer *John Hawkins*, with twenty-five of the crew, is believed to have been lost in the Bay of Biscay.

A sanguinary and important naval engagement is expected to take place shortly off the coast of Brazil, between the local rebel squadron and the fleet of vessels recently purchased in the United States by President Peixoto. These vessels are now being concentrated in the West Indies, ready for a descent on the South American coast, and are well armed and manned. The armament of each vessel includes the new Zalinski dynamite gun, the fire from which is expected to perform wonders, and if equal to trials should prove irresistible.

The Duc d'Orleans denies that there is any truth in the reported betrothal of his daughter to the Russian Czarewitch.

Captain Samuel—a son of the well-known Agent-General for New South Wales, Sir Saul Samuel—has met with a serious injury through the accidental discharge of his gun whilst out shooting. The charge passed through the thigh, inflicting a terrible wound, and injuring the bone. The case is considered serious.

The labour members in the House of Commons are moving for the nationalization of the mines and minerals of the United Kingdom.

SYDNEY, November 30th.

Glasson was executed at Bathurst yesterday, declaring his innocence to the last, and his assurance of heaven.

A suspicion is still entertained in many quarters that another man was associated with Glasson in the Carcoar tragedy.

Sir George Dibbs stated in the New South Wales Assembly yesterday that the police had instituted over a hundred prosecutions under the *Betting Houses Suppression Act* within the last six weeks.

AUCKLAND, November 30th.

The general elections in New Zealand resulted in the return of a considerable majority in favor of the Government.

The women's vote was largely exercised all over the colony in the New Zealand elections, and the utmost order and decorum prevailed.

BRISBANE, November 30th.

A prisoner named Hennessey committed suicide in Gladstone gaol on Saturday last.

The body of an unknown man was found in the Brisbane River yesterday morning.

A miner named James McMahon, at Croydon, was fatally stabbed by his wife, who was acting in self defence.

PERTH (W. A.) November 30th.

Late arrivals from Coolgardie report several more important gold discoveries—but water continues exceedingly scarce, selling at from 1s. to 2s 6d per gallon in different localities. There is practically no alluvial digging, and thousands of those who rushed to the field have been unsuccessful in obtaining any gold. On the other hand several of the reefs are proving exceptionally rich, and several sensational yields are recorded.

AUCKLAND, November 30th.

Sir George Grey has been returned to Parliament at the head of the poll, mainly owing to the recent legislation empowering women to vote.

Mrs. Yates, wife of the former Mayor of a town near Auckland, has been elected Mayor of the same place.

LONDON, December 2nd.

News is to hand of a serious battle having been fought by loyalists and rebels on the Rio Negro River, in Brazil. The fighting lasted two days, and was of a desperate character, resulting finally in the utter defeat of the Government troops. General Isidora, in command of the latter, was captured by the rebels, along with one thousand men, and a number of guns, ammunition, &c. The killed amounted to over two thousand, exclusive of wounded.

A report is current throughout Brazil that President Peixoto has been assassinated, and hopes are being entertained that in this event the sanguinary struggle will shortly be brought to a close.

Russia is negotiating with a view to the establishment of a naval depot in the Adriatic Sea, on the coast of Montenegro. Austria is said to be thoroughly alarmed thereat, and is likely to use every endeavour to defeat the project.

MELBOURNE, December 2nd.

An exciting race has just taken place between the steamers *Australia* and *Armand Behic*, from Sydney to Melbourne. The vessels steamed out of Sydney Heads together, and covered the distance from wharf to wharf—576 miles—in thirty-five hours, the *Australia* beating her opponent by about fifteen minutes only.

December 4th.

Mrs. Frances Knorr, *alias* Minnie Thwaites, who was arrested some weeks back on suspicion of being concerned in the murder of certain infants whose remains were unearthed in a Melbourne suburb, and whose trial has been exciting great attention, has been found guilty. Her counsel intends to appeal.

The premises of two Melbourne bookmakers—Barney Allen and Jack Levy—have been burglariously entered, £280 in cash and over £300 worth of jewellery rewarding the efforts of the enterprising cracksmen.

LONDON, December 4th.

The Earl of Kintore arrived in London on Saturday, thirty days from the time of leaving Adelaide.

A Commission made up of representatives of England and France is visiting Siam for the purpose of fixing upon a neutral zone which shall satisfy both countries.

Germany is imposing an all-round increase of 50 per cent in the duties on goods imported from Russia. It is only recently that Russia made overtures to Germany with a view to reciprocal action in trying to abolish the foolish war of tariffs raging between the two countries, which, it was pointed out, not only hampered trade, but was a prolific source of disputes and a constant menace to the maintenance of existing pacific relations.

The alleged assassination of President Peixoto is now denied, and the hopes of the peace party have fallen.

Alderman Dillon Parnell has just been elected Lord Mayor of Dublin.

The death is announced of George Guy Greville Brooke, 4th Earl of Brooke and Earl of Warwick, aged seventy-six.

Numbers of anarchists have been arrested in Spain and France, including some of the most prominent leaders. The recent terrible outrages seem to have awakened the authorities to the real magnitude of the danger, and united action will probably be taken throughout Europe with a view to checking the evil. The anarchists are said to be filled with terror at the storm they have aroused.

Two Germans have been arrested by the French police on suspicion of posting the infernal machines to the German Emperor and Count Caprivi.

December 6th.

An extraordinary outbreak of rowdyism has occurred among the students of Christchurch College, Oxford, through the action of the authorities in refusing to permit the students to attended a ball at Blenheim Palace. The angry scholars daubed paint over the Dons' door, defaced Dean Liddell's statue, cut the bell-ropes, and indulged in sundry other enlightened pranks.

Two new British torpedo boats just launched, the *Destroyer* and *Havock*, have made another marine record, having covered twenty-seven knots within an hour in their trial trip.

December 7th.

The reported capture of King Lobengula is now stated to be untrue.

A communication has been received by the Chartered Company's officials setting out that the King is tired of war, and is anxious for a parley to arrange the terms of his surrender.

Major Goold-Adams, to whom the message was forwarded, declines to consider the request, instancing the King's treacherous attack recently after the Company had acceded to a similar petition, and stating his belief that the wily potentate's present proposal is equally insincere.

Colonel Forbes is still in hot pursuit of the defeated Matabeles, and news of Lobengula's death or capture is momentarily expected.

The Paris Press complains that the proposed buffer State on the Siamese frontier will be almost entirely under the control of China, and will be of no practical utility to France, *perfide Albion*, as is usually the case in any negotiations betwen the two countries, deriving all the benefit from the arrangement.

M. Gladstone has refused to countenance the proposed recognition of the eight-hours-a-day principle throughout the Government departments of the United Kingdom, believing the adoption of uniform hours throughout the service to be an impossible absurdity.

Madame Melba has appeared for the first time in New York in the title rôle of the opera of "Lula de Lammermoor," scoring a great triumph.

Mr. Gladstone is devoting several hours daily during the Parliamentary recess towards concluding the task of translating Horace's complete works.

Three arrests have just been made in connection with the late dynamite explosions in Dublin, due in nowise to the exertions of the police, but to information derived from inquires set on foot privately.

The new Italian Ministry formed by Signor Zenardelli (Premier), has failed to command the confidence of the country.

Great excitement prevails in Florence over the failure of the local bank, which is expected to involve thousands of the inhabitants in ruin.

SYDNEY, December 7th.

Jas. Hearne, the Secretary, and Harry Tyre, the manager, of the Dubbo Refrigerating and Boiling Down Works, have been fined £16,870 for slaughtering sheep without a licence. Notice of appeal has been given.

An immense fire is raging near Menindie.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

WASHINGTON, December 4th.

President Cleveland in his Message to Congress questions whether Great Britain has treated in a friendly spirit the amended Extradition Treaty which is now being discussed. He deprecates any immature dealing with the currency of the country which, he says, requires a lasting comprehensive financial plan, and he suggests that the President be authorized to convence a Conference on the Monetary Question whenever there is the prospect of effecting an international agreement. Referring to the tariff, he urges the necessity of reducing the charges on the necessaries of life and the removal of restrictions on the imports of raw material that is necessary for manufacture.

LONDON, December 4th.

The *Times* Paris correspondent states that English and French Commissioners are to be despatched to delimitate the Siamese Buffer State.

December 5th.

A further issue of Indian Bills amounting to one million and-a-half is announced and tenders are invited for the 12th inst.

The Indian troopship *Malabar*, outward bound to Bombay, has broken down outside Malta, and has had to be towed into harbour. The *Malabar* broke her crank arm and the repairs will occupy five days.

December 6th.

A bill has been introduced in Parliament to enable Lord Kimberley to borrow—further if necessary, his present borrowing powers being nearly exhausted.

The Report of the Advisory Committee of the Creditors of the late New Oriental Bank shows that the failure was due to costly premises, unnecessary opening of branches which did not pay, large investments made by the head office in dubious securities, heavy advances made to customers upon inadequate security, and losses resulting from the fall in silver and dealings in exchange. Four of the directors, it appears, borrowed largely from the Bank and owed, when it failed, nearly eighty thousand pounds, which was covered by inadequate security. Mr. Cargill has since left the country and Mr. Macdonald has died, thereby preventing their bankruptcy. The suspension of the bank, the report adds, is largely due to advances made by the Bank to new companies, and the total advances in all quarters amounted to over one million sterling, and the total deficiency to two millions one hundred and thirty thousand, of which the creditors bear one million and a half. The total claims amount to four millions two hundred thousand, showing a deficiency of seven shillings and two pence in the pound. The creditors cannot expect over six shillings in the pound more.

NEW YORK, December 6th.

The ship *Jason*, from Calcutta to Boston, has stranded off Eastham on the coast of Massachusetts. One of the ship's company is known to have been saved, but it is feared the others are lost.

LONDON, December 7th.

Later advices state that the *Jason* is a total loss. Twenty-six were drowned and the only survivor is a seaman named Evans.

The *Daily News* states that Sir Gerald Portal in his report favours the extension of the Zanzibar protectorate to Uganda.

Mr. Forwood, speaking at Liverpool, said an outlay of twelve millions sterling in the next four years would be necessary if we wished to cope with the increase in the French and Russian navies.

December 8th.

The report of the Commission of Inquiry into the events in connection with the Featherstone colliery riots, states that the troops were justified in firing on the crowd, but suggests the use of less deadly arms than magazine rifles on such occasions.

KUANGSI.

The following interesting remarks appear in the *N. C. Daily News* above the signature "A. H. H."—

During the present year rapid progress has been made with the Phulangthuong-Langson Railway, and the same energy being shown, July, 1894, should see the line open for traffic to Langson, with the extension to Nasham at the head of the present navigation on the Sungki River, 13 miles from Langson, and within a full day (down stream) of Langchow.

It is intended to grant free transit for all goods entering Tongking and destined for Langchow, and a French firm will be prepared to quote through rates to Nasham, if not to Langchow itself, on all cargo from Hongkong. MM. Marty and d'Abbadie, a pushing Tongking firm, will certainly do all they can to secure custom and divert goods from the Pakhoi line.

The present able head of the Indo-China Customs, M. Cèqui, is fully alive to the necessity of giving every advantage to China-bound merchandise in the early days of this route, which, it must be borne in mind, is not so much created because demanded but because the many burdensome and uncertain taxes levied by the Kuangtung officials drive Kwangsi trade from the West River to less direct and overland routes.

The pirates on the Tongking-China border have not yet been effectually put down (occasional *rencontres* between them and the Tongking forces still take place. Where booty is to be had these gentry can still gather in force and give much trouble. Local traders from Lungchow bound over the frontier still pay blackmail to no light amount; any check from such a cause, in the early days of trade by this route, will be fatal to rapid success.

A fair time to allow for goods to reach Nanning, *via* Tongking and Lungchow, would be 15 days; *via* Pakhoi, 16 days, but the Tongking route would be the cheaper and no trouble and expense of re-packing for land portage need be incurred; *via* Canton the time taken is, at present, 28 days. Now where days are not of much importance to the inland trader—and further, Chinese are slow to move on new lines unless undoubted profit offers—the expense of closing houses in Pakhoi, Kinchow, etc., and making new arrangements *via* Tongking, Langson, and Lungchow will be considerable; still it may be taken as fairly certain—the position relative to the West River remaining as it now is—that the Tongking route will be used sooner or later with facilities granted and hindrances removed as just stated.

What, then, must China do to retain this trade within her own borders, and the British merchant and shipowner to secure the custom of the Chinese? The year 1891 witnessed a remarkable change in Kuangsi-bound merchandise; white matches and oil still went inwards from Pakhoi under transit passes, Pakhoi imported less piece-goods and yarn, and large amounts of these went forward by the West River, as did also oil and matches. This was caused, we learn, by a new tax having been laid on Pakhoi-borne goods, which the merchants resisted; the employment of launches for towing junks up the West River *en route* to Wuchow, and no hindrance being placed by the authorities on the rights of the transit passes. Canton merchants prospered; alas, the provincial authorities interfered; this flourishing transit trade was hampered in every way, till from an issue of 1,946 passes in 1891 on goods valued at Hk. Tls. 1,741,864, the numbers fell to 492 passes on goods valued at Hk. Tls. 406,696 in 1892, and only 2 on goods worth Hk. Tls. 45 up to the end of the September quarter of the present year!

The map to illustrate the transit trade of Canton, supplied with the Canton decennial report, forcibly shows the large trade Canton can do with the towns of Kuangsi, and, by the good river connections, with Kueichow and Yunnan. The supply in 1891 from Canton was far in excess of Pakhoi and Canton together in 1890. We surely learn that markets which Pakhoi and Nanning were supplying can do better when facilities by the West River are offered them; this route can hold its own both against a Pakhoi and a Tongking route.

Let the West River be open to steamer navigation to Wuchow. The river presents no difficulty so far; with plenty of water, it would, I am inclined to think, be navigable for light draught steamboats up to Hsiachow and beyond; the chief rapid Fupo or Talungt'an, between Hengchow and Kuelhsien, had seven feet of water, clear of the rocks below, according to my river pilot, and so with those above Wuchow; the current over the Fupo'an was not at all strong and there were no whirls, though above Wuchow, where the river is narrower, the current was swifter and in places there were considerable eddies, but only at one place between Pingnan and Mengkong was there any difficulty. I saw nothing which would equal the difficulty of the Upper Yangtze navigation, as pictured from written accounts; however, a survey of the river would settle this question.

As a river offers every advantage for the erection of barriers, levying of imposts, and harassing of river-borne trade, it is of the first importance that an arrangement should be come to with the Central government at Peking as to the transit pass question, which has been agitating Canton and Hongkong for some time past: given an equitable settlement of this question and steamer navigation to Wuchow, then the opening of the river beyond to the foreign flag, by chartered junks such as now ply on the Upper Yangtse between Ichang and Chungking, may await a demand for increased facilities for trade before being urged.

In the settlement of this transit pass question, the Tongking merchant should be as interested as that of Canton; if foreign goods to any extent reach Lungchow and demand the protection of the transit pass, will such be accorded them? Kuangsi is subject to the Governor-General at Canton, and the needs of the frontier troops and defences swallow up large sums of money, which taxation must supply equally at Lungchow as at Canton. If no French merchant resides at Lungchow, well and good, the question becomes largely a Chinese one, and the Consul cannot press the claim of the Chinese merchant, but with the residence of the foreign merchant the question at once arises for decision.

The demands of the purse are imperious, provincial as Imperial; the internal trade in foreign goods can well stand an equitable and fixed tax (*vide* Trade Reports *passim*); and if an arrangement could be come to and put into operation whereby—as in the case of foreign opium—a *likin* could be collected on all inland-bound goods by the Central Customs at Canton or Wuchow, there is no reason to doubt but that the West River route would rise into rapid favour, and to whatever extent Nanning was supplied from Tongking (which we venture to think would not be considerable) the country to the east of the Yuchiang and north of the West River, with part of the Kueichow province, would certainly be supplied from Canton.

Kuangsi must surely be opened up to West River traffic before any important steps be taken to examine into and attempts be made to develop her mineral resources: for the one there is already a real need, while the latter can well afford to wait.

THE SUNGPU MASSACRE.

CHINA'S REPARATION.

With the evil precedent before him of Wusueh, the settlement of which affair against the better judgment of Sir John Walsham gained Mr. Gardner his C.M.G.-ship, Consul-General Bock, says the *N. C. Daily News*, has made the best of a bad bargain, and compounded the Sungpu massacre for two heads and forty thousand dollars. The ultimatum which he carried up to Hankow with him was understood to contain four demands: (1) the punishment of the guilty parties; (2) the payment of a suitable indemnity; (3) the re-establishment of the Swedish mission at Sungpu; and (4) the degradation of the Machêng magistrate. As to the first, he is to have two heads, but as there has been no enquiry in which any foreigner can put confidence, we shall never be certain that the guilty parties have been punished, or rather, we shall be practically certain that they have not been dealt with. As to the second, we should very much have preferred to see this point waived altogether, for in these cases it is not the guilty parties from whom the indemnity is exacted. In fact, it is revolting to us to see blood-money accepted at all. We regret very much that the other two points have been waived. Mr. Bock might well have held out longer, supported as he was by the whole Diplomatic Body at Peking. It is quite true that Sweden has no power here to enforce her demands; but Sweden had, if she chose, all the other Powers behind her, and they could exercise much more pressure on the Tsungli Yamên than Mr. Bock could on the Viceroy. It is a very lame and impotent conclusion to which Mr. Bock has brought his mission, and he will make bad worse if he does not assure himself that the two men who are to be beheaded were really implicated in the murders. Far better no heads at all than the heads of two innocent or purchased victims. Meanwhile the Viceroy has succeeded once more in his efforts to check the extension of foreign missionary work in Hupeh.

NANKING.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

12th December, 1893.

Dr. John Fryer, of Shanghai, has been in the city for ten days past, conducting the annual examinations at the Imperial Naval Academy. The final session, held yesterday afternoon, was attended by the Viceroy, who went to the Academy in great state, escorted by a large body of officials, soldiers and servants. The people thronged the streets along the line of march, eager to catch a glimpse of their ruler. He has a rather pleasant face, one that indicates strength of character, mingled with kindliness of disposition. His looks belie the reports of his ill-health. He appears good for many more long years of service. Dr. Fryer is accompanied on his visit here by his son, who has recently come out from the United States.

H.M.S. *Porpoise*, having Consul Carles of Chinkiang on board, spent several days here last week. Other visitors have been the Rev. D. N. Lyon and the Rev. W. M. Crozier, of Soochow, who came hither across country from that city.

Last Thursday, 7th December, was the day set apart by the Educational Association of China as a day of special prayer for schools and colleges. Its observance here was marked by a very impressive service held in the morning at the Presbyterian Church; which was attended by the pupils and teachers of all the various mission schools in the city. This service was conducted by the Rev. F. S. Melgs of the Christian Mission. Another service, in English, was held in the afternoon by the missionaries, and conducted by the Rev. John C. Ferguson.

Friends of the Rev. D. W. Nichols will be pained to learn of a serious accident to his youngest child, a little boy, who fell off a chair last Saturday through a window-pane, cutting his face very badly.—*N. C. Daily News.*

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A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, THIS EVENING, the 22nd inst., at 8.30 for 9 o'clock precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1893. [1371

ZETLAND LODGE,

No. 525.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on WEDNESDAY, the 27th inst., at 8 for 8.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1893. [1395

NOTICE.

THE EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING of the DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF HONGKONG AND SOUTH CHINA, convened for FRIDAY the 29th instant, has been POSTPONED until SATURDAY, the 30th idem, at 8.30 for 9 P.M.

A. O'D. GOURDIN,
D.G. Secretary.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1893. [1292

THE COMING SENSATION.

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F. E. REILLY,
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To-day's Advertisements.

STEAM-LAUNCH COMPANY, LIMITED, IN LIQUIDATION.

THE Property of this COMPANY, consisting of the STEAM-LAUNCHES:

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PARTICULARS and SPECIFICATIONS will be supplied upon application.

ALL TENDERS, which have been forwarded to the UNDERSIGNED, will be opened on WEDNESDAY, January 3rd, 1894.

The LIQUIDATOR does not bind himself to accept the HIGHEST or ANY TENDER.

J. W. NOBLE,
Liquidator.

No. 2, Pedder's Street,
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1893. [1393

THE BALMORAL GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above-named COMPANY will be held at the Company's Office, No. 1, Duddell Street, at NOON, on SATURDAY, the 6th day of January, 1894 for the purpose of considering, and, if thought fit, passing the Resolutions following, namely:—

1.—That the Liquidator be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to Sell and Transfer the whole of this Company's business and property to a new Company, to be incorporated with limited liability under the Companies' Ordinances 1865 to 1891, and to be named the NEW BALMORAL GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED, with a Capital of $150,000, divided into 50,000 Shares of $3 each, with the usual power to increase and reduce the same.

2.—That the Draft Contract for Sale submitted to this Meeting, and expressed to be made between this Company and its Liquidator of the one part, and the NEW BALMORAL GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED, of the other part, be, and the same is hereby approved, and that the said Liquidator be, and he is hereby authorized, pursuant to Section 149 of the Companies' Ordinance, 1865, to enter into a Contract for the Sale and Transfer of this Company's business and property to the said New Company (when incorporated) for the considerations and upon the terms set forth in the said Draft, and to carry the same into effect with such (if any) modifications as he may think expedient.

Should the above Resolutions be passed by the requisite majority, they will be submitted for Confirmation as Special Resolutions to a Second Extraordinary General Meeting, which will be subsequently convened.

CARL GEORG,
Liquidator.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1893. [1394

SPECIAL NOTICE.

THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" will be on sale at the Hongkong and Victoria Hotels, opposite the Hongkong Club, and at Pedder's Wharf, EVERY EVENING from 5.30 to 7.30 o'clock.

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Advertisers are reminded that the *Hongkong Telegraph* has by far the largest circulation of any English newspaper published in the Far East. THIS IS GUARANTEED. Terms on application.

Hongkong, 14th October, 1891.

Intimations.

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COAL CONTRACTOR,
COMPRADORE AND STEVEDORE.

SHIPS VISITING MANILA SUPPLIED WITH PROVISIONS, DUNNAGE, &c.
WATER and BALLAST BOATS.

Manila, 13th March, 1893. [338

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SHIP'S STORES AND REQUISITES
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AT
REASONABLE PRICES.

Hongkong, 14th July, 1893. [798

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W. THOMAS,
Proprietor.

Hongkong, 3rd May, 1893. [528

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Hongkong, 24th June, 1881. [928

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Hongkong, 10th August, 1893.

THE TYPHOON SEASON.

Every Commander and Officer on board ship should possess a *copy* of

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(by W. Doberck, Director of the Hongkong Observatory).

THIS *vade mecum* for every navigator in the Far East has been re-written and greatly enlarged, and is illustrated by lithographs showing the courses of the typhoons of late years.

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or the

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" OFFICE,
Pedder's Hill,

Hongkong, 10th August, 1893.

Intimations.

THE JAPAN WATCH COMPANY, LIMITED.

REGISTERED IN HONGKONG AS A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.

CAPITAL.....$1,000,000
DIVIDED INTO 40,000 SHARES OF $25 EACH.

TERMS FOR SUBSCRIPTION OF SHARES.

$5 per Share on Application;
$10 per Share on Allotment;
$10 per Share on or about 31st Jan., 1894.

DIRECTORS:

EDWARD WHITTALL.
J. D. HANBURY.
A. H. BUTLER.
HENRY CHARLES LITCHFIELD
P. H. WHEELER.

SUPERINTENDENT:

P. H. WHEELER.

BANKERS:

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

LEGAL ADVISER:

HENRY CHARLES LITCHFIELD.

OFFICES:

HONGKONG AND YOKOHAMA.

THE object of the Company is to form and maintain a factory in Yokohama for the Manufacture of Watches of all kinds and descriptions.

The founders of the Company are possessed of a plant of machinery complete in every particular, of the newest design and the finest workmanship, and adapted for the making of all implements used in the watch trade as well as the making of watches. It is well known that machinery has effected a complete revolution in the watch trade and it is confidently expected that by availing itself of the comparatively cheap labour of this country this Company will be able to supply the trade in all parts of the world with an article which for excellence of workmanship and cheapness of price will defy competition.

Mr. P. H. Wheeler, the Superintendent of the Company, has been for many years engaged in developing watch-making machinery, and the testimonials from his former employers testify to his business ability, skill, and integrity. The machinery of which the founders are possessed has been perfected under his superintendence and a considerable part thereof is of his invention.

Besides the Machinery, the founders are possessed of ten thousand watches in various stages of completion which are the out-turn of the said Machinery; and material on hand sufficient to turn out about twenty-five thousand more. It will thus be seen that it is not an untried plant which the founders have acquired, but one which has already given proofs of its excellence. It was only the advantage of obtaining a cheaper labour market than can be found in the United States that has induced them to work the business in Japan.

It is an established fact that the principal factories in the United States in seven years paid 300 per cent. dividend on a capital of Six Million Dollars: and that was done on a wage basis of $1.50 (*gold*) per operative, the factories employing six thousand hands. If the difference in the rate of labour in this country is taken into consideration the operations of the Company will be assured to realise to the full the expectations of the founders. The profits of watch-making are based entirely on the price of labour.

It is not in the labour market only that an advantage will be obtained. Coal and other materials can be purchased in this country at a lower rate than in the United States. And besides all these advantages, which are great, there is one of still greater importance, the knowledge to be obtained of the requirements of the local trade, of the trade for China, and that of "The Straits" and India. The Company will be capable of supplying a watch of the best workmanship to the population of these large and important countries at a price far below any watch of like character that has ever been offered to these markets.

Taking into consideration these advantages the founders confidently expect to pay a dividend of at least 10 per cent. per annum on the first two years' work and thereafter dividends at a much higher rate.

The Company has been registered in Hongkong as a Limited Company.

The founders take and acquire 30,000 shares of the stock of the Company in payment for the machinery plant and stock and their labour and expenditure in preparing and procuring the machinery and stock.

Ten-thousand shares of twenty-five yen each are offered for subscription.

The memorandum and articles of association of the Company may be inspected at the offices of the Company, No. 10 Bund, Yokohama.

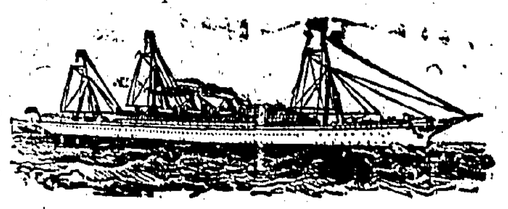
Applications for shares should be made on forms annexed to the Prospectus and should be forwarded to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation accompanied by a remittance for the amount of the deposit.

Forms of application will be sent free to any person, by addressing the Head Office, 10 Bund, Yokohama.

Yokohama, Japan,
29th September, 1893. [1317

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THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.

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Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse Power—Speed 19 knots.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

EMPRESS OF JAPAN...Comdr. G. A. Lee, R.N.R.....WEDNESDAY, 27th December.
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EMPRESS OF INDIA...Comdr. O. P. Marshall, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY, 21st February, '94.

THE magnificent Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, making close connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY leaving there daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various points at reduced rates. Good for 4, 6, 9 and 12 months.

SPECIAL RATES (First-class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

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For further information, Maps, Guide-Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to

D. E. BROWN, General Agent,
Pedder's Street.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1893. [3

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILING FROM HONGKONG.

China (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama).....} Wednesday, 27th Dec., at 1 P.M.
Peru (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea & Yokohama).....} Saturday, 13th Jan., at Daylight.
City of Rio de Janeiro (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea & Yokohama).....} Thursday, 1st Feb., at Daylight.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship

"CHINA"

will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *via* NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA & YOKOHAMA, on WEDNESDAY, the 27th December, at 1 P.M., taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

First Class Passengers have full choice of any of the Overland Routes, including CENTRAL PACIFIC, SOUTHERN PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, NORTHERN PACIFIC, AND DENVER AND RIO GRANDE RAILWAYS. They can also travel over the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY, on payment of $10 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Service, to European Officers in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 P.M., same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 72, Queen's Road Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1893. [1

NOTICE.

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Hongkong, 9th June, 1882. 9

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AND
ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Belgic (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama).....} Thursday, 4th Jan., at Daylight.
Oceanic (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu).....} Wednesday, 24th Jan., at Daylight.
Gaelic (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea & Yokohama).....} Wednesday, 14th Feb., at Daylight.

THE Steamship

"BELGIC"

will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *via* NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA & YOKOHAMA, on THURSDAY, the 4th January, at Daylight. Connection being made at Yokohama with Steamers from Shanghai.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.

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J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 7th December 1893. [2

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Hongkong, 27th September, 1893. [1053

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Hongkong, 29th July, 1893. [24

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Victoria	Tuesday	January 23rd.
Tacoma	Tuesday	February 27th.
Mogul.....	Tuesday	March 20th.
Victoria	Tuesday	April 10th.

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Agents.

Hongkong, 13th December, 1893. [4

Intimations.

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Beware of spurious imitations.

Hongkong, 1st April, 1892. [406

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BLOOD MIXTURE
THE GREAT BLOOD PURIFIER AND RESTORER.

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For Scrofula, Scurvy, Eczema, Skin and Blood Diseases, and Sores of all kinds, it is a never-failing and permanent cure.

It Cures Old Sores.
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